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**To:** Tom Wheeler  
**Subject:** FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Rates for Interstate Inmate Calling Services

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of the Secretary

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

The purpose of my email is to express my concern with the anticipated FCC rulemaking for Interstate Inmate Calling Services (WC Docket No. 12-375), scheduled for February 11, 2014.

County Jails and prisons are different and a "one size fits all" approach to regulating inmate calling services does not take into account the unique challenges we have in providing inmate calling services. Inmate calling systems are built to the unique needs of each jail and provide a variety of important safety and security components. The FCC has recognized in its Order that jails incur real costs to administer inmate calling services; however, the rates set by the FCC eliminate commissions to jails on interstate calls and do not include any allowance for cost recovery. Costs recovered by us for inmate telephone services are turned over to the county government as a revenue to offset those costs.

I would respectfully advocate for a STAY ORDER for jails until such time as the FCC and Sheriffs' can determine a proper method for counties to recover costs. Our 2014 budget is already set and to alleviate this revenue from our budget would certainly have a negative impact.

Sincerely,

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